

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:14.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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WORK AND PRAY EARNESTLY FOR THE SALVATION OF LOST SOULS

Let This Year be One of Conquest and Victory for The Church of God!

GETTING SAVED

Do Not Rest Until You Have The Full Assurance of Acceptance.

ETERNITY IS TOO LONG TO TRIFLE WITH YOUR SOUL.

Getting saved! These two words have been ringing in my mind for more than a week. This experience is unusual. I hardly ever think much about what the next message shall be until I get my paper ready for writing. Then I look up to the Lord and say, now help me Father, and the way we go. But this time I have seemed to know for more than a week that Getting Saved would be the theme for the next message.

It is a fact that people are getting saved. They are getting saved and they know so well that they are getting saved that all doubts have entirely vanished from their minds. They have accepted Christ as their Savior because He says, "Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37.) And they believe and act upon this word and the blessing and witness comes.

This may seem a little common place to many of our family, but please remember that you do not find much that surpasses it in value. People some times get sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and according to their own testimony they are not saved at the time they give such a testimony. Many who have had good experiences are not saved today. This is awful, but facts stare us in the face and there is no use of denying it.

Sometimes such people keep up their testimony and stand up boldly and say they are saved, sanctified, baptized and healed, and later it develops that they have been guilty of some crime that of course knocked all the "saved" out of them if they ever had it. This is serious, but I base this statement on the testimony of some who have gone through the awful ordeal.

When we think of it just right Getting Saved is not such a common place affair after all. There is real seriousness about it. And it often means much for a person to confess his sins so he may get saved. "If we confess our sins," says John, "he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." (1 John 1:9.) But here is the rub. People some times get off the track and stay off rather than confess their guilt. They some times testify to what God has done for them, but they never say what Jesus is to them right now.

I once knew a man that was always prompt in his service in the meeting. Would almost always say some good things and I loved for him to get up and talk. But finally it dawned upon me that I never heard him say he was saved. After that, I began to listen for something that would indicate that he was saved right now. But alas, I listened and waited in vain. He kept up his good talks, and as far as I could tell he lived a good life and prayed good prayers, and gave good advice to others, but I never heard him say "I have the blessing right now."

As time rolled on one thing

after another occurred that convinced me that if he ever had been saved he had lost the experience. I think he still claims religion, but to me he is a forlorn looking object. He is growing old. I have not seen him for some time, but I am afraid he is not saved. If he is not, then he needs to get saved.

Several years ago, when I was but a small boy, a certain minister (a quaker) was conducting a revival at one of the old "quaker meeting houses." He was a strong preacher and a full believer in getting saved. He preached so strong that it was getting hold on some of the officials and heads of the church. They did not approve of his preaching, for he showed plainly by the Bible that if they were not converted—saved—they would go to hell. One day after the service closed the preacher walked out to get in his carriage to drive to his stopping place for dinner. One of the old elders followed him, and, walking up to his side, said, "Thy preaching is rather on the extreme. Here is five dollars I want to give thee, and now please do not press thy points so close." The good minister took the bill and quickly stuffed it into his pocket, and looking him squarely in the face said, "I thank thee for this bill, I need it very much, but thee will go to hell if thee does not get converted and saved."

That was indeed a thunder-bolt to that good old elder, but it had its effect. The revival went on and on, and it was indeed remarkable to find so many of those good old quakers unsaved. Surely heaven rejoiced as many of those dear old fathers that were so good and religious knelt at the penitent form and wept their way through to Calvary and really got saved.

The time has been in my life, and I find I am not so far from it yet, that I have been very much agitated and really scared for fear many will go to the very brink of the grave thinking they are saved, and wake up to the awful fact that they are lost when it is too late to repent, and will drop into hell.

I was engaged in revival work in a certain place, and was kindly invited home with an old Methodist brother. I accepted the invitation not thinking of his object in his desire for me to go with him. After we reached home he began to tell me his experience. He said in substance: "I thought I was saved. I attended the meetings regularly, paid my part of the expenses, and thought I was getting along fairly well until a few weeks ago I was taken very ill. I weakened down and down day by day until I was given up to die. I thought my time had come, but alas! when I began to stare death in the face I found I was unsaved. And there on that bed while I was too weak to speak I plead with God to spare my life and give me a chance to

get saved. The Father of mercies did spare me because He knew I was honestly deceived. And ever since my recovery I have been looking for help to obtain real experimental salvation. I believe God has sent you here to help me."

Then he told how he was deceived and made to believe he was saved. He said he was convicted and went to the altar an honest seeker. After he had prayed and confessed and asked the Lord to save him the minister persuaded him to believe and get up and go on. He did so and joined the church and lived the best he could but was not saved as it was plainly shown him later.

After he had told me all of his experience I said, "Do you want to get saved?" "Yes, indeed I do," was the reply. "When do you want to get saved?" I asked. Again he answered, "I want to get saved right now." I then read him several direct Scriptures, and told him what it would take to get saved. We knelt in prayer. I prayed for him. When I closed I told him it would now be necessary for him to pray through till he touched God. He commenced, and gathered as he went, and he kept right on until he came out on the other side. When he got through no one had to tell him he was saved. He had the assurance in his heart.

Do not rest until you have the full assurance of acceptance no matter what the cost or how long you have to labor and wait. An Indian preacher having been converted said, "My father and mother taught me their religion, and they advised me to fast. I fasted many days, hoping that God might bless me, and I myself never heard, or saw, or felt anything; but since I gave up my old religion, and gave my heart to God, I am happy, and I have the assurance that God saves me, and I feel it in my heart."

Getting saved is worth more than anything else in this world. Eternity is too long to trifle with your soul. "A preacher of the gospel had gone down into a coal-mine, during the noon hour, to tell the miners of that grace and truth which came by Jesus Christ. After telling them the simple story of God's love to lost sinners—man's state and God's remedy—a full and free salvation offered—the time came for the men to resume their work, and the preacher came back to the shaft to ascend to the world again. Meeting the foreman, he asked him what he thought of God's way of salvation. The man replied—'Oh it is too cheap. I can not believe in such a religion as that.'"

Without an immediate answer to this remark, the preacher asked,—"How do you get out of this place?" "Simply by getting into a cage," was the reply. "And does it take long to get to the top?" "Oh, no; only a few seconds." "Well, that is very easy and simple. But do you not need to help raise yourself?" said the preacher. "Of course not," replied the miner. "As I have said, you have nothing to do but get into the cage."

"But how about the people who sunk the shaft and perfected all

PAYING TITHES—OPENS THE WAY FOR A DOUBLE BLESSING TO BE Poured OUT

THE HIGH PRIEST TO RECEIVE AND BLESS.

I wonder why any one would want to object to paying tithes when there are so many good

this arrangement? Was there much labor or expense about it?"

"Indeed, yes; that was a laborious and expensive work. The shaft is eighteen hundred feet deep, and it was sunk at a great cost to the proprietor; but it is our only way out, and without it we should never be able to get to the surface."

"Just so. And when God's Word tells you that whosoever believeth in the Son of God hath everlasting life, you at once say, 'Too cheap, too cheap!'—forgetting that God's work to bring you and others out of the pit of destruction and death was accomplished at a vast cost, the price being the death of His own Son."

Getting saved. How? Accept Christ as your Savior. Yield to Him and give up all sin. No progress can be made until this point is reached. "He that committeth sin is of the devil." (John 8:8.) Drop your sins and sinning and come to Jesus. "Patrick Donnelly, an Irishman, was sweeping the streets of London, and as he was crossing from one side of the street to the other, and using his broom, a lawyer came up to him, tapped him on the shoulder and said: 'Is your name Patrick Donnelly?'—'Yes, sir; it is.' After getting other facts from him, the lawyer said: 'A client of mine has recently died, and left you twenty thousand pounds.' Patrick dropped his broom instantly, and followed the lawyer, and entered as speedily as possible into the realization of his fortune. Jesus Christ has left us a fortune to save us from moneyed, mental, and moral poverty. Drop your brooms, (sins) and receive this fortune now and here."

We believe this is to be a year of soul saving. The Lord is going to give the people one more opportunity to seek and obtain salvation. We must have our part in it and spread the message far and wide. Teach repentance. Tell the people to drop their sins, no matter what kind they are. And if they are sinning they are sinners and not saved.

A little boy of ten summers gave his heart to Jesus and was wonderfully converted and saved. He confessed the wondrous change by saying, "It makes me feel so new." And it will make any one feel new to get the old load of guilt off.

Only a step to Jesus! Believe, and thou shalt live; Lovingly now He's waiting, And ready to forgive.

Only a step to Jesus! A step from sin to grace. What has thy heart decided? The moments fly apace.

Only a step to Jesus! Then why not come, and say, Gladly to thee, my Savior, I give myself away?

Only a step to Jesus! Then why not take it now? Come, and thy sin confessing To Him thy Savior bow.

—Sel.

things said about it. There is always somebody ready to object to every good thing. Good people often object to good things and they do not seem to realize it. I wonder why this is true.

Those who are sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost know the experiences are real, and good for all, but the opposers of these experiences are without number. And although the Bible is clear in its teaching concerning these experiences the opposers still oppose. It almost seems sometimes like some people are born with an opposing spirit. No matter what is mentioned they always take the opposite side.

But no matter if people do oppose paying tithes it is a Bible doctrine. And everybody that opposes the practice stand in their own light. But this is not so strange when there are so many that stand in their own light about almost everything. But we do not intend to stand in our own light about anything. We want everything that is good for us. So if paying tithes is good for us we want to pay tithes.

This is an interesting theme when it is considered in the right light. But people can get as "cold as a wedge" if they consider it in the wrong way. Many have testified to getting cold in their experience because they disregarded the practice and refused to pay tithes. Some have testified to temporal losses and physical disabilities because they did not pay tithes.

Some have declared that paying tithes is not a New Testament doctrine and claim it belongs to the Old only. But it is a fact that the word in some form occurs not less than eight times in the New Testament and not one place that shows the least argument against paying tithes in the gospel dispensation. If I could find one place where paying tithes is discouraged I would willingly give it the necessary attention. But every mention of it holds up for it.

Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees that they ought to pay tithes (Matt. 23:23) and I cannot think of Him telling them to do something over on this side of John the Baptist that should not be practiced. John the Baptist was the bridge between the old dispensation and the new. "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of heaven is preached and men press into it." (Luke 16:16.) Then Jesus said of certain that they had rejected the counsel of God and could not reap the benefits because they were not baptized by John. They had not crossed the bridge, but tried to climb over some other way. But the tithes came over, because Jesus told them that they ought to pay tithes. Do you suppose the Son of God would have brought something across that bridge and advised the Pharisees to practice it that does not belong over on this side? Who could believe it? Although they were Pharisees and opposing Him

yet He surely would not have told them to do wrong.

To oppose paying tithes would indicate that my Lord told those people to do something wrong, which I will not submit to for one moment. But some one will try to make it appear that they were still under the law and it was all right for them. But how can that be when the law stopped at the other end of the bridge—John the Baptist—and it is the gospel of the kingdom on this side? And Paul shows that the law was dead even when he tried to carry it over on this side and practice it. He acknowledged later that he was a wretched man while he was trying to practice it on this side of the bridge. Of this he says, "O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" He cries out in soul agony to know who will deliver him from the law that is dead.

To prove that this is Paul's meaning we only have to hear him again when he says, "Christ is the end of the law" (Rom. 10:4), and "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law." (Gal. 3:13.) Then Paul was crying out for deliverance from the law that was a dead body. And in the next breath he exclaimed, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Rom. 7:25.) Delivered through Jesus Christ from the law that was dead. Or in other words, Paul was delivered from that dead body through Jesus Christ.

Now please remember that Paul was a Pharisee (Acts 23:6.) while he was wretched because he was trying to carry the law after it was dead. And after the law was dead Jesus told the Pharisees that they ought to pay tithes. How is this? The fact is that tithe paying lived right on after the law was dead or Jesus would not have advised those people to pay tithes. It is also a fact that tithe paying was instituted more than 400 years before the law was given, and when the law was given tithe paying was incorporated in the law, but did not have its origin with the law and was not the law, because it was before the law.

It was said of the promises to Abraham that the law that came 430 years after could not disannul. (Gal. 3:17.) And it is apparent that the promises and practices of Abraham were carried over on this side of the law as if the law had never been given. Thus it is written, "It (the law) was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made." (Gal. 3:19.) Paying tithes was not added, for, as stated above, tithe paying was instituted about 430 years before the law was given. The law was in effect till the seed came and Paul says plainly that the "seed is Christ." (Gal. 3:16.) Then when Christ came the work that began with Abraham is to continue as if the law had never been instituted. Surely this analogy is clear. And Jesus corroborates this view by telling the Pharisees that they ought to pay

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I wish I could say something good and pleasant to every one that is working so earnestly for the Evangel. They are going to help us put the circulation over to twenty thousand by next Assembly. We are making good headway. Thank you my friends, thank you.

The editor's wife has been at the bedside of her father, George Taylor, in Indiana for three weeks during his sickness and death. He was buried last Sunday afternoon so we expect her home again in a few days.

Brother Rouse and his wife and two little girls stopped over with us two nights and a day on their way from Dalton, Ga., to Knoxville, Tenn. Brother Rouse is full of the Holy Ghost and very zealous for the Lord and His Church. We trust he will accomplish much good as he pushes on in the work.

Brother Alexander of Alabama, a minister in the Methodist Protestant church, called to see us on some matters of interest one day last week. He has received the Holy Ghost and under his ministry others are receiving the Holy Ghost and his church officials are dissatisfied with him, and he came to talk with us about the matter. He made a very favorable impression upon us while here. He may decide to come this way. He has been a missionary among Spanish speaking people and is well versed in the Spanish language.

We have just received the shipping bill showing that another printing press and equipments have been shipped to us. This is a donation to the Evangel office by the good hand of our dear Brother O. R. Rouse of Raton, New Mexico. We will install it and put it in use as soon as it arrives D. V. as our work is increasing so it will be needed. We have three presses now in almost constant operation and this one will make the fourth. Some business going on here; and it is all for Jesus and His Church. Help us say, hal-lelujah!

Remember tomorrow, February 9, is HOME MISSION DAY. Let us be sure and roll up good collections. This home mission fund is being used to assist in many ways and places where nothing could be done without it. Full reports will be given at next Assembly D. V.

Keep watching for something special in these columns. We do not know yet just when it will appear, but it will surely

come, and if you do not read and watch every paper carefully you may miss it.

Why should not the Church of God create a sick and burial benefit fund? This is a problem staring us in the face, and certainly ought to claim our attention. If this fund should not be provided then somebody tell why not. This fund would fill a long felt want and make it possible to discourage the carrying of life insurance with more consistency. We ought to be able to care for our own sick, dying, and dead that misfortune has reduced to poverty so they need help at such times. Where is the Scripture against such provision? Where is the Scripture in favor of it?

Start up new Sunday schools as soon as possible and get ready for Spring work. Do not wait till Summer to start, but start now so you will be ready to grow as soon as Spring and Summer opens up. We will let new schools have literature at reduced prices for the balance of this quarter if they will ask for the favor.

We hope soon to send a subscription blank to every subscriber that they may use to solicit others to subscribe. We want every one of our large family of readers to take a part in the Evangel subscription campaign. I am sure every one can do something. Please lend your assistance and let us put the good paper with its life messages into thousands of new homes. Do it at once and do not wait for a more convenient time. We cannot remunerate you for your services in dollars and cents, but please do this as loving service for the Master. I believe you will. What do you say?

If there are yet any churches or ministers that have not received the monthly report forms please notify headquarters and we will take pleasure in supplying the same. We want every church and every minister to have these forms, as each one is expected to report the last day of each month. In filling out these reports care should be taken to make them complete and every item in its proper place. We have had to send a few back to have them completed. Please be careful so this trouble can be avoided.

We expect for the Church to be so thoroughly organized that it can be truly said, "And every man stood in his place" while the terrible battle is waged against sin. Those who oppose good organization in the Bible order are not true Church of God material and are not needed until they throw off such opposition. Many who were once opposed to such close and careful organization are now delighted with it. This is gratifying to those who are specially interested in the great Church of God. When it is complete, as we see it taught in the Scriptures, no minister or member can be overcome and led into error and sin without the loving hand of a careful watcher being at once tenderly stretched out to lend assistance and win back without delay those who have been overcome and led astray by the subtlety of Satan.

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St. Cloud, Fla.

Greetings in Jesus' name:

I am still living for Jesus, though I feel cold, as I do not have the privilege of attending any meetings. I want the saints to pray that the Lord will open the way for some one to come here and hold a meeting for us. Our school house has been moved away, but my daughter's home is open for services, and we sure need help. I hope some sweet

day to be where we will be with Jesus and His dear children, I love all the dear saints. The little Evangel is such a blessing in my home. Pray for me.

Your sister,
Lecky A. Padgett.

PAYING TITHES, ETC., (Continued from page 1.)

tithes. And He told them to do this after the law was dead which shows that tithing was not dead. For I am sure Jesus would not have mocked them and told them to do things they ought not to do because it was dead.

Without pursuing this form of analogy further I wish to call attention to the fact that paying tithes opens the way for a double blessing to be poured out. Of this the prophet said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal. 3:10) The next verse shows the temporal blessings that will follow and of course the spiritual blessings will not be wanting, for God always blesses people when they do right. And these are some of the blessings that fell upon faithful Abraham when he paid tithes to Melchisedec. (Heb. 7:6) Now the blessings of Abraham are to fall upon us because the seed (Christ) has come, and the law is dead, but the tithes still live on.

Abraham paid tithes to Melchisedec, "priest of the most high God." It is said of him that he had no "end of life; but made like unto the Son of God, abideth a priest continually." (Heb. 7:3) Under the law they paid tithes to Aaron and his sons, men that died. (Heb. 7:8) But Abraham paid to him that liveth. Jumping over the law again we do not pay tithes to men that die, but to our high priest Jesus (Heb. 7:17) who lives forever. (Heb. 8:20) The High Priest to receive and bless. (Heb. 7:7.)

Now since we cannot pay tithes to Jesus as He appeared in the flesh when on earth, we pay to His body—the church. Not less than three Scripture passages show that the Church is His body (Eph. 1:22,23; Col. 1:18,24.) This is the very reason we will not pay our tithes to an individual. We want to pay to Christ's body like Abraham paid tithes to the body of Melchisedec, and at the same time to one that will not die, but lives after the same order of Melchisedec.

This is fine. And the Church of God will not die. And paying tithes to the Church, the body of Christ, is the only right way to pay tithes. I would be afraid to put my tithes in any other place. And this way blessedly satisfies and those who practice this are blessed.

Ellijoy, Ga.

To the Readers of the Evangel.

I want to ask you to pray for me, and husband, that we may receive the Holy Ghost. My heart's desire is to live a more perfect life.

I was a member of the Baptist church, after searching the Scripture, I found that this was not the name of the early church. We are trusting the Lord for our healing, we have three children, and one of them has never taken a dose of medicine.

I am so anxious to get the Evangel, can't hardly stop reading it until I read every word. Hope to see the time when our home, will be a home of prayer.

Please pray for me.

A hungry soul,
Cora Hefner.

Birchwood, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

As I have been a reader of the Evangel for twelve months and have never sent a piece to the paper, will write a few lines tonight. We have passed through one year of war and now beginning to learn what it means to be a soldier. The Christians sing, "Am I a soldier of the cross." I believe this should be sung like this, "I am a soldier of the cross." Affirm the fact that we are soldiers, and leave off the doubt.

Sometimes we wonder why God does not work through His saints at this age, like He did in the days of the apostles. In order to make good soldiers, we know what the United States government requires. When our boys enlist in the army, the first thing they do, is to obey orders, if they do not obey orders they are punished. In obeying orders they endure hardness, leave their homes, sacrifice their lives for their country, take long hikes, learn to handle a gun correctly, keep step, keep their uniforms spotless, in fact they are trained to do everything necessary to make a good soldier.

In 2 Tim. 2:3,4, we find Paul talking about good soldiers for Jesus. He says, "Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Now there is some training to do, some hardness to endure. If we want the power to heal the sick in Jesus' name like the Apostles, let us leave our homes if necessary, sacrifice our lives, like they did, obey the orders of our Captain, which is Jesus Christ, and believe like Peter did, when he and John commanded the lame man who was born lame, to rise up and walk. "He took him by the right hand, and lifted him up, and immediately his ankle bones received strength."—Acts 3:7.

Beloved, if we believe like that, and hold on to God for victory we will get it, and if we fail to pray the prayer of faith, not blame some brother or sister for it, and say "if it had not been for their unbelief we would have gotten the victory over that demon."

James 3:15 says, "And the prayer of faith SHALL save the sick, and the Lord SHALL raise Him up," then if we pray the prayer of faith the sick must be healed regardless of the other folks. When the signs fail to follow us, let us examine our past life and see if we have disobeyed orders.

We are as a rule most of us in the guard house, or out somewhere on extra duty for failing to obey orders, therefore not able to be a good soldier like the Apostles, who, when Jesus gave orders to "forsake all and follow Him" just simply obeyed orders that was all; left their homes, endured hardness, and sacrificed their lives, therefore made good soldiers. If we want to make good strong soldiers, and be able to stand when the enemy makes a charge, we must stay in drilling line, obey orders, learn to handle the sword, than we can go over the top and win in every bayonet charge instead of being on "extra duty" for disobedience.

There is a difference between the United States soldier and those of Jesus. Some of the United States soldiers are forced to go, while all of the Lords are volunteers. Than if we willingly agree to do anything we certainly ought to keep our promise, ought we not? Then in order to make a good soldier, obey orders. What are the orders? turn with me to John 7:17, and read, "If any man will do his will, (that is the Father's will) he shall know of the doctrine," well then before we can do His will we must know what it is. 1 Thess. 4:3, reads thus, "For this is the will of God even your sanctification." We read in 1 Thess. 5:18, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus

concerning you." Let us stay in the will of God and put on the whole armour of God, so that we can stand "when the enemy shall come in like a flood," to make us doubt God's power to heal, and perform miracles through us like He did the old soldiers.

Your brother in Christ,
J.O. Bower.

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A Bible School will be conducted at Alabama City, Ala., from Feb. 15 to Feb. 23, by M. S. Lemons of Atlanta, Ga.

You will be taught how to study the Bible, how to collect and classify Scriptures, how to meet arguments against our doctrine and teaching, and what our doctrine and teaching is.

You will be taught what your duty is and what is required of you as a bishop, deacon and evangelist.

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A complete minute of the work of the Assembly of the Church of God from its beginning will probably be ready by the opening of the school. You will need one. Send in your order now to Brother Tomlinson. If you get it be sure and bring it with you. Every minister in Alabama needs to be present.

Free entertainment will be provided for all ministers. A tuition of \$2.00 will be charged. If you can't pay it, come on any way a collection will be taken to meet the deficiency.

The Brass Band from Helicon will be there, D. V. Evangelistic services will be held every night. Come and enjoy this feast with us.

Thy brother,
J. B. Ellis.

Cleveland, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus name:

I want to sound a note of praise, for what the Lord has done for me. Glory to God: I praise Him this beautiful Sunday morning, for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost according to Acts 2:4, Praise His name! I can't praise Him enough.

It is wonderful how He takes us right on from one victory to another, when we let Him have His way with us. Well glory! It looks like every body ought to

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shout and praise the Lord for the blessings He bestows on us from day to day.

I want to do more for my master this year than I did last year, and by His help I mean to. I have a greater determination in my heart to press on than ever before. I want to be in my place at every service if I possibly can and do His will as near as I know how. My earnest prayer is that God will give us more wisdom and stir us up to do more for our Master.

We ought to be in a hurry for the time is short, we should not leave anything undone, that we can do. Glory to Jesus!

Pray for me that I may do His will and be ready when He comes or calls.

Your brother in Christ,
J.O. Montgomery.

Smalley, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints who Read the Evangel:

I am again writing to the Evangel. As I said before I was healed of dyspepsia with which I had been afflicted for years. The sister that prayed for me told me I would get fat and when she said it I weighed about 135 lbs., and I now weigh 168 lbs. I have prayed also and received many spiritual blessings, and have sought the baptism of the Holy Ghost but have never received it so as to speak in tongues, so I am writing to ask the saints, the readers of the Evangel who have this experience (and I do not doubt that you have it) to write and explain to me more fully about it so I can receive it. I am trying to teach the people here the gospel as far as I have experienced, but of course I cannot teach what I have not experienced except as a theory, or as giving my judgment, but I want to be experienced in what I teach so that as Peter said "I can speak as the oracle of God."

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your brother in Christ,
S. D. Osborn.

Bonham, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greeting in Jesus' Precious Name:

I am praising God for saving me from my sins, and sanctifying me, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. It is so sweet to have such wonderful peace and victory all the time. I intend to go all the way heedless of the cost.

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may be restored to health.

Your brother in Christ,
J. R. Dodson.

Notice.

To those who ordered the song, "A dream of the Judgment."

The song plate has been in the hands of the printers some time, but is delayed a few days therefore, and could not fill the orders, but will as soon as possible; am looking for the songs any day. Any one desiring to write me, may do so.

O. A. Churchill,
Sapa, Miss.

PERFECT OBEDIENCE

HERSCHEL N. SCOGGINS.

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Jas. 2:10. "Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it." Heb. 4:1. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation." Heb. 2:3.

Satan doesn't want anything better to deceive people who profess Christianity than to get them to neglect their duty and fail to walk in the light when it is turned upon them. God requires whole-hearted service and doesn't recognize anything else. Some seem to settle down and are satisfied with anything, but God's Word says, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." Amos 6:1. We should make the Word of God a close study, and examine ourselves often to see if we are in the faith.

We find some who are failing to walk in the light and are warming by some one's fire who has the victory, but they are going to be cut out some time if they continue careless. If we expect the approval of God upon our lives, we must do what God's Word teaches.

We notice in Deut. 28:1, "And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth." So we see that the promise is to them that hearken diligently and observe and do all his commandments, not just some of them. When the children of Israel marched around Jericho, they won the victory because they obeyed perfectly the command of the Lord. He told them to go around the walls one time each day for six days, and they obeyed, and on the seventh day they were to march around seven times and after they had gone around the seventh time the priests were to blow a long blast with the ram's horn, and all the people were to shout. They obeyed perfectly and the victory was theirs.

Jesus said "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matt. 23:23. Jesus endorsed what they did, but He also reproved them and called them hypocrites because they did not do the other.

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father which is in heaven." Matt. 7:21. We may pray all our lives but it will profit us nothing if we fail to do the will of God which is our sanctification; and the word sanctification means consecration, devotion or to walk in every ray of light we have and seek for more light.

Let us notice the message to the seven churches in Rev. 2 and 3. "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write: . . . I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: . . . And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Rev. 2:1-6.

"And to the angel of the

church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balaam to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate. Repent: or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth." Rev. 2:12-16.

"And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, . . . I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols." Rev. 2:18-21.

We can very plainly see that God expects us to serve Him with our whole heart, mind and strength. We may have works, charity, service, faith, patience and some among us may suffer martyrdom, and yet God may have something against us as He did these churches in Asia.

Notice the message to the Laodiceans in Rev. 3:15,16. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." If God recognizes us as His children, we must keep prayed up, payed up, cleaned up, looking up, and ready to go up.

It is going to be an awful thing for some to go before the judgment bar of God and probably hear the Lord commend them for the good things they have done and then hear Him say, "You have failed to visit the sick, you have failed to help the poor, or you have failed to pay your tithes." Failing in just one thing might be the cause of being lost. Some may say "I don't believe any one will be lost for failing in only one thing," but the standard, which is the Word of God says "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Jas. 2:10.

We have no right to reprove the other churches because they won't accept sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost if we are not walking in what light we have ourselves.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3:16,17.

Notice.

I want to request prayer for Lagrange, Ga. I cannot rent a place for meeting. The Free-will Baptist have given me the privilege of having meeting in their church next Sunday night.

Please pray that a place will be opened up where we can have meeting.

W. L. Lunsford.

Tom's Creek, Va.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise the Lord for

saving my soul from sin, and starting me out on this highway. Dear saints, the way I found the Lord was by reading the Evangel. I do praise the Lord for the paper. "I am one of them today."

Pray for me that I may be filled with the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." Pray for me and my wife.

Your humble brother,
Edward D. Long.

Permanent Release of Claude Ellard.

We truly praise God that our prayers have been answered in that our loved one, Claude Ellard, has been released.

We are indeed grateful to the entire Church of God for their prayers, kind words, visits and means for Claude.

He, too, joins us in our hearty thanks for the many kindnesses shown him.

Ora Ellard and children,
Five sisters and families.

Notice.

I want a Church of God man, either married or single, to share crops with me this year. I have thirty acres of land and plenty of house room. Would like to hear from some one who is interested.

Ben Davis,
R. 1, Box 22,
Mannville, Fla.

Newnan, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints:

I would like to sound a note of praise this morning for what the Lord has done for me. He has saved, sanctified me and filled me with the Holy Ghost. I am a reader of the Evangel and enjoy the testimonies very much. I am not a member of the Church of God, but know it is right.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Brother Holt of Atlanta, Brother George Haney, of Ala. M.S. Lemons, and others and it was food to my soul to hear them preach. I have been in the ministry five years, was licensed by the Pentecostal Holiness Church, of the Georgia Convention.

Arrangements have been made for me to preach at Bogansville, Ga. the first and fourth Sundays. God is blessing me in giving out His precious word, for which I give Him all the honor. I intend by God's help to live the life as well as preach it.

I would like to get acquainted with the Evangel family, and correspond with some of them. I covet the prayers of God's children, that I may be a soul winner for Jesus, and always be found a true soldier at my post. Your brother under the blood,

J.C. Wallace.

R.D. 6. care of J.B. Chandler.

Publish "Red Devil"

To Attack All Religions.

Special Cable From London Times to the Ledger-Dispatch.

Helsingfors, Jan. 25.—Under the title of "The Red Devil," a newspaper is being published in Petrograd by the Soviets for the sole purpose of attacking churches and religion in general. The first number contains an article by Lunchevsky, commissioner of education, announcing a plan to close fifty churches in Petrograd.

Other articles show the authorities intend to impose a special tax on churchgoers. Religious teaching in schools is forbidden.

Camp Pike, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and all the Saints:

I thank God for a real salvation that keeps me free from sin every day. A short time after I was saved, was called to the army, and have had many trials and tests to go through, as I have been in a rough crowd. I

am not allowed to pray out, but thank God I can pray from the heart.

I thank God for His healing power. I had the influenza and was sent to the doctor, but did not take any medicine. I have the Holy Ghost and speak in tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and determined to follow Jesus all the way. Dear saints, this way is a straight and narrow way, with persecutions trials and struggles, but Jesus passed this way before us, and told us to follow Him.

We find in 1 Peter 2:21, "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps; Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth." We see in Rev. 14: chapter that the hundred and forty and four thousand that follow the Lamb, and in their mouth was found no guile.

Please pray for my wife and baby, and pray for me that the Lord will open the way for me to go and work for Him.

Your brother,
Elmer Wigginton.

Artisia, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am a little girl twelve years old, but I love Jesus with all my heart. The past year was a wonderful year to me for the Lord saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Two visions have been shown me. In one I saw Jesus nailed to the cross.

Two of my school mates received the Holy Ghost the same time that I did. Please pray for us as we have many temptations. The school children laugh at us and tell us to shout for them. So far God has given us grace to keep sweet through it all, and we know that He will keep us all the way for His Word tells us that His grace is sufficient and "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

I want to do great things for my Lord for He has done so much for me.

Your little friend,
Ruby Ward Lamb.

OBITUARIES.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Georgia Horton, of Hardy, Miss., and took away her baby, aged two years. Death caused by influenza. It leaves a father, mother, sister and many friends to mourn her death.

A friend.

The death angel visited the home of Mrs. W. B. Townsend, of Dahlonga, Ga., Jan. 26, 1919, and took away their grandson, Homer, aged 15 years, and eight months. He was sick only a few days with pneumonia fever. He was ready and willing to go. He requested the Church of God people to sing two of his favorite songs at his funeral, "Look How This World Has Made a Change, Angel Get My Mansion Ready." Rev. W. E. Brown, pastor of the M. E. Church, conducted the funeral service.

His Sunday School Teacher,
Mrs. Hughes Moore.

On Jan. 23, 1919, the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Evans, of Pratt City, Ala., and took away little Pauline, aged eight years, and seven months. She will be missed in our meetings. She leaves a father, mother, one brother, and one sister to mourn her loss.

The funeral services were conducted by R. M. Gallups at their old home in Winfield, Ala. The bereaved ones have our heartfelt sympathy.

One that loved her,
Mrs. R. M. Gallups.

On Nov. 20, 1918, little Imogene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Budd Ladd, of White Bluff, Tenn., fell asleep in Jesus, aged five years, and three months.

Death caused by influenza. She leaves to mourn her loss a father, mother, seven sisters, two brothers, and a host of relatives. It is hard to give up our loved ones, but God knows best and we must be submissive to His will.

She was laid to rest in the family cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

We loved little Imogene
But Jesus loved her more,
So He gently called her
To yonder's shining shore.

Her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Richardson.

Our dear Sister Mollie Ruiz, departed this life Dec. 17, 1918. Her death was caused by influenza, and pneumonia. She left a bright testimony that she was ready to go. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

She leaves a husband, ten children, a host of relatives, and friends, to mourn her death. The funeral service was conducted by Brother J. T. Hadden. The body was laid to rest in Kimbol cemetery.

One who loved her.

Sister Lee Goza, of Madison, Fla., departed this life in Jan. 1919, after an illness of three weeks. Her death was caused by pneumonia. In May 1917, Brother J. L. Stevens came to West Lake, Fla., preaching the full gospel in power and demonstration of the Spirit, and brought the light to Sister Lee, soon after this she was baptized with the Holy Ghost.

She was Sunday school superintendent for three years, led the prayer meetings, and was a faithful worker in the service of the Lord. After Sister Lee became so weak she could not speak, she would look up at those around her bedside and smile, as to say, "all is well." Paul's expression was brought to my mind, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7.

She leaves many friends to mourn her death, but our loss is heaven's gain. We weep not with heavy hearts as those that have no hope.

A sister that loved her.

The death angel visited our home in Walhalla, S. C., Jan. 15, 1919, and carried away our dear husband, C. Vaughn, to heaven, after an illness of fifteen days, with influenza, pneumonia, and heart trouble. He was a loyal member of the Church of God.

Just before he died he preached all night, sang two songs, and said he was "going to the New Jerusalem." We know he is at rest, but how we miss him! Some day we will meet him on the other shore where there will be no sad partings, no more heart aches, but all will be peace, sweet peace.

He leaves four small children. I want the saints to pray for me that I may train my children in the way they should go. There is a vacant chair in our home that can never be filled, a dear voice is hushed around the family altar, a welcome footstep will be heard no more. He is basking in the sunshine of God's love, and by God's help we will join him some day.

His wife,
Virginia Vaughn.

Notice.

If there are any of our Alabama Evangelists that have failed to receive their credentials please notify me at once. From some cause my files got deranged a few days since and I am afraid some of your credentials were destroyed. It can all be arranged if anything is lost. I want the address of Mrs. Lee Ora Jarrell at once.

J. B. Ellis,
Overseer of Ala.

Bonham, Texas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord for saving and sanctifying me, and I want the saints to pray for me that I may be filled with the blessed Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Christ,
Pearl Dodson.

Request

Please pray for my sick and unsaved father, Joseph L. Ballard Willets, N.O. He is nearly seventy years old. He wants to be saved and his body healed.

Nellie Bradburn.

Notice.

If there is any one in North Miss., who would like to have a revival any time through the year just notify us. We are in the evangelistic work and we want to do our best. We have a nice folding organ to take with us. If you want us, we will come and sing, cry, pray and preach until something is done.

Yours in the
Master's service,
H. A. Pressgrove and wife,
R 1, Holcomb, Miss.

Illinois Districts.

I am a little late in getting the work in Illinois arranged, but have been much hindered by the influenza epidemic. Below is the arrangement settled upon up-to-date.

Olney district,
H. L. Trim, overseer,
West Frankfort district,
R. A. Fielden, overseer.
Oarmi district,
John Atley, overseer.
D. P. Barnett, overseer of Ill.

The Ten Days Bible School.

All who expect to attend the Bible school at Alabama City Alabama, are requested to read carefully the first Book in the Bible, the Acts Apostles, and all the Pauline Scriptures you can by the 15th of the month. Come to learn everything you can, and ask all the questions you can think of, and expect a revival at night.

M. S. Lemons.

Bessemer, Mich.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say that I am still on victory side, saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. My whole desire is to stand true to Jesus.

We are having prayer meeting regularly. We certainly would like to have a preacher here. It seems that everybody are afraid to come this way.

Please pray for me and my family.

Yours in Jesus,
Mrs. Mary Zeliska.

Notice.

To the Ministers of Noth Carolina:

Several of our ministers have not sent in their monthly reports as authorized by the Assembly to assist the General Overseer and his councilors in working out the financial system of the church, and to get the other necessary information to the interest of the church in general to headquarters in regular systematic order.

Now beloved, let's obey. We can only be blessed in obedience. Samuel told Saul "to obey is better than sacrifice." Please read 1 Sam. 15:22-25.

Your standing with the Assembly largely depends upon your obedience to the rules. When the seventy returned they brought in their reports.

With much love and best wishes, I am your servant,
S. W. Latimer,
State Overseer.

Notice.

To all Ministers and Treasurers in the state of Kentucky:

If you expect to work in the state of Kentucky you will be expected to make your monthly reports regularly, and if you refuse you need not expect to be pastor, district overseer, evangelist or treasurer. We do not want workers to come into the state expecting to work unless they hold up the standard by teaching and practicing the rulings of the Assembly which requires the paying of tithes, reporting monthly and submitting to the government of the dear old Church of God in a general way. We expect to lift up the standard ourselves and we want all to do the same and God will bless us.

Geo. T. Brounager,
Overseer of Kentucky.

Fostoria, Ohio.

Dear Evangel Readers:

It is some time since I have seen a testimony in the paper from Fostoria, so will send in one. I am rejoicing in a salvation that is full and free. Glory to God! A salvation that keeps me every day in the year, with a joy and peace that the world knows nothing about.

We have just closed a five weeks revival in Fostoria, Brother Wallace from Kenmore conducted the meeting. This is the first time since the church was set in order, that we had a hall, though we were hindered because the hall was not in a very good place, and did not have good singing, but God blessed our efforts. One was sanctified and received the Holy Ghost, several at the altar seeking; others requested prayers. Hearts were touched. This is a hard place but the good seed has been sown and we have moved into another hall, as nice a place as we could get in Fostoria.

Now if some one could come and take up the work here, I believe we could have a great revival. God has proven His power in this place to so many people until they are made to wonder.

Our family of six were all down at one time with the influenza, and no one to take care of us. My husband lay at the point of death twice, but God healed him. Glory to His precious name! The next night after he was healed, I lay at the point of death. Jesus whispered to me, "By my stripes ye are healed," and God so wonderfully healed me. Praise Him! Then we prayed for the Lord to heal our children and received the assurance that He would. The test came when our baby lay at the point of death four days. The neighbors could not understand this, they wanted to have us arrested, but we held on to God in prayer till victory came. Four years ago God gave me a vision of the trials we were to have, and if I would stand true to Him, my family should be saved, so I give God all the glory.

Dear readers, every Tuesday and Friday we fast for a revival at this place, we would be glad for all that will, to join in with us, and if God leads anyone to come here to hold a meeting we will give you a hearty welcome, and the saints will stand by you in fasting and prayer. Brother Haynes said, "We are the weakest church, but the best equipped, that he has set in order." We have everything we need both for service and light house-keeping, and all paid for. Please pray for us in this wicked place.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. Della Bower,
634 N. Poplar St.

R quest.

Ellie E. Hamilton, of Brooksville, Fla., requests prayer that her baby may be healed of chills and fever, also that she may receive the Holy Ghost.

Haynes, Ark.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Dear Saints of God:

This afternoon finds me with victory in my soul. I am still praising God for this wonderful salvation. I was baptized with the Holy Ghost ten years ago. He has kept me and brought me through many trials. Hallelujah! I praise God for this old time religion. It will do to live by, and will do when we are dying. Glory to God!

How I do love Jesus and delight to keep His commandments. I know I can not do much, but I want Jesus to say of me, what He did to the woman that brought the alabaster box of very precious ointment and poured on His head. "She hath done what she could."

Dear saints let us do what we can for Jesus. The harvest is great in Arkansas and the laborers few. Listen! saints can you not hear the Macedonian cry, "Come over into Ark. and help us." Listen ministers to the cry, we need the Word preached in this state. The Lord is calling me to the Ozark mountains, pray that He will open the way for me to go. The Lord so wonderfully healed my family of the influenza. Brother Burk, and Brother Clark came to pray for my husband when he was very low, and he was healed instantly, for which we give God all the praise. We are praising God for our pastor, Brother Burk. The Lord surely sent him here. Pray for us here.

Your sister,
Mrs. Mae Osborne.

Oldsmar, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and all the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings:

I am thanking God this morning because He had mercy on me saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and He abides tonight. I praise God I have been in the way nearly four years and the way is getting brighter and sweeter to me each day.

I want a little space in our little White Winged Messenger to tell all who read this to be careful to pay tithes, for the Lord will surely bless us if we give a tenth of all our substance. I have been paying tithes ever since I became a Christian and it seems to me every time I pay tithes, the Lord blesses me more and more with this world's goods. I even pay tithes on my chickens and eggs, keeping an account of every chicken and egg; selling the tenth and giving the amount to the Lord. My chickens are healthy, though I live in a neighborhood where the hawks are bad they do not bother my chickens.

I am so glad I ever learned to trust the Lord. Praise His name! I praise the Lord for the good sermons that Brother Tomlinson sends out in the Evangel every week. I pray the Lord will bless him and give him wisdom and knowledge.

I request all the dear saints to pray for me to be faithful and true till Jesus comes or calls.

I want all the mothers to fast and pray that I may hear from my boy, who is somewhere in France.

Your unworthy sister,
Janie Dillon.

Fayetteville, N. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

Please pray for my daughter who is very sick with influenza. She is trusting the Lord and there are no saints here to pray for her. Pray that she may be saved and healed.

Your sister,
Mrs. D. McHargue.

Darlington, Md.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings:

I feel like writing a few lines

tonight to the Evangel, as it has been some time since I wrote. The Lord is wonderfully blessing me in my soul. I want the saints to pray much for me as I have many trials to bear. Thank God, He has promised to deliver us. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Now Jesus said "Go ye into all the world", and if He puts the "go ye" into your heart to come to Darlington Md. be sure to come, as we have no Holy Ghost ministers here.

I am not a member of any church, but if I join any, it will be the Church of God, as I believe it's teaching to be the Bible standard. I mean to hold up the Church of God, it matters not who turns against me. I used to fight this way, am no longer a fighter. I want the members at Parrott, Va. to forgive me for what I said to them, and I want all the Christians to pray for me that I may stand true, and walk in the will of God.

Yours for His cause,
Wm. P. Hawley

Columbia, S. C.

Dear Brother Tomlinson, Evangel Readers, and Strangers Scattered Abroad:

I am praising God for His goodness to me. He has been so good to me since I came to the camp. I am so anxious to get back home, and pray for me that I will be true and serve Him here in this place, and that the Lord will open the way for me to go, and tell lost souls about Jesus, who died to save them from their sins, to sanctify them and fill them with the Holy Ghost. Jesus said, "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them". I find this rule will apply to camp life as well as everywhere else. Brothers and sisters, pray for me.

Your brother in the great Church of God,
Moses Westberry.
Camp Jackson, Supply Co. 58 Regiment 20th Brig.

Whigham, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings in Jesus' name:

I want to sound a note of praise to our blessed Savior for His many blessings bestowed upon me, and toward all mankind, for He is so precious to me. Praise His name for ever!

I want to praise Him as long as I live. Oh! if the unsaved could just see and realize what great love Jesus has for them, surely they would turn to Him and forsake their evil ways. I wish I could be in His service and among the children of God all the time. Glory to His name!

I pray for God's power to keep me faithful to the end.

Jesus tells us to "Watch and pray" for "we know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh". So many are dying without God. I pray that the lost will accept Jesus, take up their cross and follow Him before it is too late.

Your sister,
Mrs. E.E. Carroll.

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Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for what He has done for me. "He brought me up, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock". Bless His holy name.

I am saved, and sanctified, and desire the prayers of the saints that I may receive the Holy Ghost. I want to do God's will.

Pray that I may be able to tell to this world, the great plan of salvation, that I may be an overcomer, and that I will hold out faithful to the end.

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This is the city where God's people are to dwell with Him all through eternity. And too we each have a mansion up there and that is a blessed thought. "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." St. John 14:2.

I fancy the feeling of those earnest listeners and followers of Jesus, just before He was about to leave them. How these words from Him cheered them at this time. Their hearts were troubled at the thought of Him leaving them but He said, "Let not your hearts be troubled."

It is often the case with us as we plod along in this old world, our hearts are troubled because of sin on every hand and iniquity abounding, but when we think of our home "over there" our hearts are made lighter, our hopes leap forward to the time when we shall reach the beautiful shore. All the old prophets are there. The martyrs for the Gospel are there, and many others, with our loved ones are waiting in the reception hall for our arrival. Jesus, our Elder Brother, who redeemed us by His blood is there and He will greet us. God the Father of all bids us come.

"Oh the grandeur, the glory that will be. The shouts of triumph, the joys of gladness, the music that will swell the heavenly breeze as we glide along in that beautiful city, escorted by a convoy of angels!"

We have heard the expression "home-sick" and there is something that is continually drawing me heavenward—"home-sick" for the heavenly home, the only place of permanent peace and rest.

How glad the soldiers boys are to be at the old home again, and how glad we are to have them with us. Our homes here afford us peace for a time, then sickness comes and parting again, but when we all reach our heavenly home after the last battle has been fought, the victory won and we lay our armor down in exchange for a crown, and as we walk the streets of transparent gold, viewing the beautiful mansions, our minds can reflect to the time when we were fighting sin and Satan and then we can realize that Jesus was at that time preparing a place for us. Hallelujah!

I may go through this old world unnoticed by the masses, but only let me gain my inheritance over there. It will be worth all it costs. Only let me shed a few more tears over the lost. Let me plead with them to come to Jesus. Let me prove faithful in every walk of life that some one may be led to Jesus by my

feeble efforts, then let me go to my Heavenly Home.

Oh place of rest, we covet thy beauties and we long to be with thee blest!

There's a land that is fairer than day, And by faith we can see it afar; For the Father waits over the way To prepare us a dwelling place there.

We shall sing on that beautiful shore, The melodious songs of the blest; And our spirits shall sorrow no more, Not a sigh for the blessings of rest."

In the sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beautiful shore, there to greet our Father, Elder Brother and the many that's gone on before. There to be with them forever and to never more be separated from them. Glory!

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